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Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ Board votes to oppose traffic congestion initiative

Board members gave a unanimous thumbs-down to Proposition 51, the Traffic Congestion Relief and Safe School Bus Act, due to the initiative's failure to analyze and address real transportation needs across the state.

Sponsored by the Planning and Conservation League, the act would allocate 30% of the state's share of sales tax on motor vehicles -- about \$870 million -- to 17 expenditure categories. Only 60% of the funds could be spent on congestion relief, while the remaining 40% would be used for environmental programs, safety purposes or public transit. The school bus portion of the act would receive just 8%.

SANBAG staff recommended opposing the act because of several pitfalls. The chief concern is that the act is not based on an assessment of actual transportation needs. For example, it includes funding for railroad grade separations that are not a priority in San Bernardino County. The act also includes a provision to suspend allocations whenever the state's general fund revenue does not grow adequately -- a potential problem, since most transportation projects require multi-year funding commitments.

■ Employees with 10+ years of service in spotlight

Need to know something about transportation in San Bernardino County? It's a safe bet to ask any of these long-term SANBAG employees, recognized by the Board of Directors for more than 10 years of service to the agency.

SANBAG veterans to receive their 10-year service pins were: Anna Aldana, Secretary I; Deborah Barmack, Director of Management Services; Gary Moon, Director of Freeway Construction; Ty Schuiling, Director of Planning/Programming; Susan Van Note, Chief Financial Officer; and Vicki Watson, Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board.



Pictured from left:
Board President Bill
Postmus, Susan Van Note,
Ty Schuiling, Deborah
Barmack, Gary Moon,
Vicki Watson, Anna
Aldana and Executive
Director Norm King

■ SANBAG helps purchase new Metrolink engines, cars

Metrolink's fleet of locomotive engines is growing by two, and its passenger cars are increasing by 18, thanks to contributions by SANBAG and other transportation agencies served by the 416-mile commuter rail system.

The SANBAG Board authorized \$5.9 million for the locomotives and cars. Both of the locomotives and more than half of the cars will be used on lines that serve San Bernardino County. The cars will be used to expand this line and others systemwide. Other contributions will be made by Caltrans and transportation agencies in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and Ventura counties.

Board members also received the news that a ground breaking ceremony for a second set of tracks on the San Bernardino Line has been set for August 29. The line will be double-tracked for a 5.3-mile stretch between Montclair and Pomona.

Down the Road ...

- Aug. 14: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.
- Aug. 15: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- Aug. 16: Mountain/Desert Committee, 9 a.m.
- Aug. 21: Plans and Programs Committee, 12 noon
- Aug. 29: Ground Breaking Ceremony for Metrolink Double-Track Project, 10:30 a.m., Claremont Station
- Sept. 3: Tour of Route 210 for Inland Action, 7 a.m.

Measure I fills need for projects in unincorporated areas

County areas recognize value of Measure I for transportation projects

Measure I is more than a drop in the bucket for unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Each year, the county receives close to \$5 million in Measure I funding for local street and road projects in these areas, which include remote regions that face extreme climate conditions that take a toll on streets and roads.

Adopted by San Bernardino County voters in 1989, Measure I has provided funding for transportation projects countywide. This half-cent sales tax is expected to generate \$1.8 billion over the life of the 20-year measure. Incorporated cities and towns receive Measure I dollars for their transportation needs, but many residents don't realize that unincorporated areas also benefit from Measure I.

This month's issue of "Measuring Success" examines each of the county's unincorporated "sub-areas" in terms of funding received and the projects that have resulted due to Measure I.

San Bernardino County's unincorporated areas

At more than 20,000 square miles, San Bernardino County includes hundreds of thousands of road miles. Measure I funds for local street and road improvements are divided among cities, towns and unincorporated areas. These unincorporated regions are further divided into sub-areas, with funding allocated to each sub-area. The sub-areas and the funding allocated to them during the first 10 years of the measure, 1990 to 2000, are listed in the following table.

San Bernardino County Sub-Areas and Measure I Allocations, Local Street and Road Improvements 1990 - 2000	
Colorado River Sub-Area	\$553,205
Morongo Basin Sub-Area	\$5,349,800
Mountains Sub-Area	\$10,103,834
North Desert Sub-Area	\$9,404,187
San Bernardino Valley Sub-Area	\$12,867,727
Victor Valley Sub-Area	\$11,400,172
TOTAL:	\$49,578,925

Selected projects

Measure I has helped fund a host of transportation projects in the county's unincorporated areas. Projects include:

Colorado River Sub-Area

- Planning study and design of the Needles Highway, 1991-1997 (\$111,762)
- Improvements to Pew Road, 1992 (\$22,615)

Morongo Basin Sub-Area

- Traffic signal installation and improvements to Park Blvd at Highway 62, 1992-1996 (\$572,236)
- Realignment of intersection and paving of Senilis Avenue at Highway 62, 1992-1999 (\$448,274)

Mountains Sub-Area

- Improvements to Lake Gregory Drive, 1992-1994 (\$1,456,761)
- Redesign interchange, asphalt overlay of Baldwin Lake Road, 1992-1998 (\$468,297)

North Desert Sub-Area

- Resurfacing and traffic signal installation on Main Street, 1992-2000 (\$1,322,833)
- New asphalt overlay on National Trails Highway, 1992-2000 (\$701,451)

County Valley Sub-Area

- Improvements to Cedar Avenue, 1993-1997 (\$1,356,164)
- Widening and drainage improvements to Slover Avenue, 1993-2000 (\$1,920,918)

Victor Valley Sub-Area

- Bridge replacement and realignment of Indian Trail Road, 1992-1997 (\$1,160,059)
- Widening and asphalt overlay of Stoddard Wells Road, 1993-1996 (\$874,281)

